



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CPRC FOR THE CITY CHARTER:

The big news in July was the recommendation by the Charter Review Committee to make the CPRC part of the City Charter. The vote was 13 for, 2 against, and one abstention. The vote came after a number of citizens spoke in favor of its inclusion. No one spoke against the recommendation.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

In July, the commissioners voted to have the RPD training sessions during the case review meeting, which occurs the second week of each month, rather than during the regular monthly meeting. That portion of the meeting that is devoted to training will be open to the public.

Lieutenant John De La Rosa and Sergeant Larry Gonzales of the RPD Training Unit began the first in a series of training sessions in May. These sessions are designed to familiarize the commissioners with the procedures used by RPD officers. They also give the officers a chance to interact with the commissioners and hear their concerns based on their case reviews.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended 18 meetings or community events.

A number of local organizations and groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to have CPRC commissioners come to their meetings and discuss the Commission and its work. If you would like to have a commissioner speak at one of your meetings, please call the office at (951) 826-5509.

WORKLOAD – JULY 2004:

| Cases Received | Lodged | Filed through CPRC | Filed through RPD |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 3 | 1 | 7 |

A complaint is considered **lodged** when a citizen makes a complaint to the CPRC; it is **filed** when the completed complaint form is submitted.

| Case Dispositions | Cases Reviewed | Inquiries* | Administratively Closed** |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | 8 | 1 | 0 |

***Inquiries** occur when a member of the public is merely requesting clarification of a policy or procedure.

****Administrative Closure** occurs when a case is closed for reasons other than being reviewed or being classified as Inquiries.

| Allegations | U/F | Disc/SH | IDF | ISS | FA | FR | CC | MC |
|-------------|-----|---------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |

U/F = Use of Force; **Disc/SH** = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment; **IDF** = Improper Discharge of Firearms;
ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure; **FA** = False Arrest; **FR** = False Reporting; **CC** = Criminal Conduct; **MC** = Misconduct

| Findings | Unfounded | Exonerated | Not Sustained | Sustained | Misconduct Noted |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| | 8 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 |

Unfounded - The alleged act did not occur. **Exonerated** - The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal and proper. **Not Sustained** - The investigation produced insufficient information to prove or disprove the allegation. **Sustained** - The Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct or poor service. **Misconduct Noted** - The Department member violated a section of the Department policies, rules or regulations not originally alleged in the complaint.

Cases on Hold

There are currently four cases on hold in our office. These cases have either been returned to RPD for further investigation or are being held pending further investigation by the CPRC investigator.

Case Processing Analysis for Cases Reviewed in July 2004

This chart reflects the average number of days the Police Department and CPRC took to process Category 1 and Category 2 cases. These figures do not include cases that were held for further investigation.

| | Category 1 | Category 2 |
|---|------------|------------|
| RPD investigation and administrative processing | 138 | 135 |
| CPRC processing and review | 18 | 27 |

Category 1 complaints are the most serious allegations such as criminal conduct and use of excessive force.

Category 2 complaints are the less serious allegations such as discourtesy and improper procedure.

Policy Recommendations

There were no policy recommendations made by the Commission in July 2004.